

ending September 30, 2000. Consideration will resume on May 26.

Pages H3540–84

Agreed to:

The Coburn amendment that reduces funding for the Chief Information Officer by \$500,000 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 239 ayes to 177 noes with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 154); and

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The Sanders amendment that reduces funding for the Agricultural Research Service by \$13,000,000 and increases funding for the commodity assistance program by \$10,000,000.

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Rejected:

The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis by \$463,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 133 ayes to 285 noes, Roll No. 152);

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The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis, by \$231,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 267 noes, Roll No. 153);

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The Sanford amendment that sought to reduce funding for the operation, maintenance, and repair of Agriculture buildings by \$21,695,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 143 ayes to 274 noes, Roll No. 155);

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The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for Departmental Administration by \$3,049,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 289 noes, Roll No. 156); and

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The Coburn amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics by \$400,000 (rejected by a recorded vote of 139 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 157).

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Withdrawn:

The Coburn amendment was offered, but subsequently withdrawn, that sought to reduce funding for Economic Research Service by \$4,509,000.

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H. Res. 185, the rule that is providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by a yea and nay vote of 402 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 147.

Pages H3536–38

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H3606–07.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 151), four yea and nay votes, and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3538, H3538–39, H3539, H3540, H3551–52, H3552, H3553, H3564–65, H3582–83, H3583, and H3583–84.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

*Committee on the Budget:* Task Force on Social Security held a hearing on International Social Security Reform. Testimony was heard from Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

### Y2K AND MEDICAL DEVICES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing on Y2K and Medical Devices: Screening for the Y2K Bug. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FDA, Department of Health and Human Services: William Hubbard, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy; and Thomas Shope, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Science and Technology, Center for Devices and Radiological Health; Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

### SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Practices held a hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom through Encryption (SAFF) Act. Testimony was heard from Ronald D. Lee, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Barbara McNamara, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense; William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Commerce, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### EDUCATION REFORM

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Education Reform: Putting the Needs of Our Children First. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered the following measures and adopted motions urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 1908, amended, to authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign countries; H. Res. 178, concerning the tenth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, 1989, in the People's Republic of China; and H. Res. 168, recognizing the Foreign

Service of the United States on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

#### **ETHIOPIA-ERITREA WAR**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on the Ethiopia-Eritrea War: U.S. Policy Options. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—FCC LICENSE TRANSFER PROCEEDINGS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on Novel Procedures in FCC License Transfer Proceedings. Testimony was heard from Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Commissioner, FCC; and public witnesses.

#### **METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1753, (and S. 330) Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Doyle; Timothy S. Collett, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Robert S. Kripowicz, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fossil Energy, Department of Energy; Bilal U. Haq, Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Role of the National Forests in the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Testimony was heard from Paul Brouha, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on New NPS Methodology used to evaluate the achievement of natural quiet restoration standards in Grand Canyon National Park. Testimony was heard from Representative Berkeley; Jackie Lowey, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Traynham, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and International Aviation, FAA, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted by voice vote a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2000, divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with section 306 (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction, unless reported by the Budget Committee) or section 401 (prohibiting consideration of budget related legislation, as reported, that is not subject to appropriations) of the Congressional Budget Act. The rule also waives all points of order against provisions of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill) except as specified in the rule. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate. The rule waives points of order against the amendment printed in the report for failure to comply with clause 2 of Rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the amendment made in order may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Castle, Shays, Camp, Pastor, Hoyer, Farr of California, Lowey, DeLauro, and Weiner.

#### **EDUCATION LAND GRANT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 150, Education Land Grant Act, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to

reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Hayworth.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1655, Department of Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee also began mark up of H.R. 1742, Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development and Science Advisory Board Authorization Act of 1999.

The Committee recessed subject to call.

### SMALL BUSINESS REVIEW PANEL TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported H.R. 1882, Small Business Review Panel Technical Amendments Act of 1999.

### WELFARE TO WORK

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Empowerment held a hearing on "Welfare To Work: What Is Working, What Is Next?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### TAX CODE COMPLEXITY—INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the impact of complexity in the tax code for individual taxpayers and small businesses. Testimony was heard from W. Val Oveson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

### ALLEGATIONS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING IN CALIFORNIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Allegations of CIA Involvement in Drug Trafficking in California. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D540)

H.R. 432, to designate the North/South Center as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-29)

H.R. 669, to amend the Peace Corps Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 through 2003 to carry out that Act. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-30)

H.R. 1141, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Signed May 21, 1999. (P.L. 106-31)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the live stock industry, including mandatory pricing and country of origin labeling; and to hold a business meeting to consider S. 566, to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to exempt agricultural commodities, livestock, and value-added products from unilateral economic sanctions, to prepare for future bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations affecting United States agriculture; S. 604, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company; and the nomination of Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine the private sector's voluntary corporate bond price transparency initiative coordinated by the Bond Market Association (Corporate Trades 1), 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold oversight hearings on activities of the Federal Communications Commission, 2 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 510, to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to resume hearings on Medicare reform issues, focusing on the work of the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine a protocol to reconstitute the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty with four new partners, 10:15 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings on the report of the House Select Committee on United States National Security and Military/Commercial concerns with the People's Republic of China, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, to hold hearings on issues relating to mine safety and proposed legislation making mine operators and regulators responsible for listening to each other and shaping effective regulations, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.